

SENATE RESOLUTION 100

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Mount Nebo
Missionary Baptist Church upon its 135th
Anniversary and Homecoming.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church comprise one such congregation, and they are celebrating the Church's 135th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville is, "to manifest the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives individually and collectively, and seek to bring others into a personal dynamic relationship with Him by ministering to the whole man"; and

WHEREAS, the many active members of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church believe in "taking it to the streets," and are devoted to reaching out and glorifying God by meeting the needs of different people in their community; and

WHEREAS, evincing a great commitment to mission work, Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church serves Christ with more than twenty local outreach ministries, including a Parenting Resource Center, which collaborates with Metro Juvenile Court to provide parenting classes for children and parents in trouble; a Willing Workers class, offering exercise for both the body and the spirit, as well as sponsoring periodic blood pressure screenings and a health fair; a yearly Christmas Basket and Clothing Give-Away; a College Outreach program, which works through area colleges and universities to provide care packages and meals to students after worship; an Evangelism Ministry, for which members of the congregation canvass the neighborhood once a month, seeking to share the gospel of Jesus Christ; and the Shalom

Community, initiated in 2003, which seeks to join forces with other churches, religious groups, businesses, and residents in the community for improvement in overall community health, by addressing such needs as housing, crime, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, with God's blessings and guidance, Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church works to provide social and economic justice to underprivileged families by making regular financial contributions to Adopt-A-School and Adopt-A-Street, the American Baptist College, Room-In-The-Inn, the Prison Project, and the Benevolence Ministry for individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to their tireless commitment to Christian service, in 2003, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church organized a non-profit ministry, known as the Mount Nebo Baptist Community Development Corporation, for the purpose of community economic development and addressing social concerns relating to senior citizens and youth; and

WHEREAS, combating the barriers of race and economic class, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church joins hands with Nashville churches, neighborhood associations, and other religious groups in Tying Nashville Together (TNT), a grassroots organization working to address social concerns citywide and hold elected officials accountable; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church has significantly contributed to the social, cultural, and spiritual vitality of the Nashville community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville upon its 135th anniversary, and we thank the members of this estimable congregation for their faithful service to God, their community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.